silent protest raises awareness of sexual assault

D’Arcy criticizes ND’s support of film festival

Students prepare for apartments
DeBart for De Bowl

Two words for everyone to know: DeBartolo Hall. Yes, everyone already knows about this building that is our largest classroom building on campus. But, my friend, I have made a discovery that needs to be shared with the rest of the world. That may only be the Notre Dame world, but that's fine by me. Some of you may already know about this, but I only recently discovered the best part of DeBartolo. What is that you ask?

A TV output on the projectors that are installed in the classrooms equipped with media on-call. It may not sound like much, but I see it as a means to have the best place to watch sporting events on campus. Just think of it: going into DBRT 101 to watch the big game, whichever that is at the time. We can have all the food down on the bottom, where professors usually lecture from. Grab your food, head back up to your seat and enjoy the game on a huge screen with 400 of your best friends.

If no one else takes advantage of it, I certainly will. Just the other day, I caught parts of the Duke/UNC game in one of those larger classrooms. I was in there working on a presentation for one of my classes and happened to hit the TV button. That moment ended promptly when the other members of my group could not see what their problem was.

For me, an avid sports fan, having the right place to watch the game is very important. Now, I have found that place. Although it may be the most unorthodox of places, you cannot find somewhere quite like DeBartolo Hall. There is some very nice equipment in those rooms.

So, next January or February, who wants to watch Super Bowl XL with me and my 400 buddies in DBRT 101? I’ll bring the chips!

DeBart for De Bowl

Lukas Mendoza
Photographer

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NEWSPAPER?

Mark Ross
Junior Keough


Katelyn Wood
Sophomore LeMans

"I read The Observer."

Joe Cronin
Sophomore Carroll

"I don't read a whole lot."

Terriss Contrerato
Senior Cavenaugh

"The Irish Rover and Free Republic articles so I can form my counter-arguments."

Dan Lavishia
Junior Alumni

"The Cleveland Plain Dealer."

Amblyn Allen
Senior PW

"Observer and The Onion."

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame will present its second annual Queer Film Festival through Saturday. The event takes place all day in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Carolee Newlands of the University of Wisconsin, Madison will give a lecture entitled "Lionising the Emperor: Stalin, Silver Screen" today at 4 p.m. in 303 Main Building.

Actors from the London Stage will stage a performance of "Othello" tonight and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The event is sponsored by the department of film, television and theatre.

Chicago Samba, a Midwest based music ensemble that performs authentic Brazilian music, will perform at the Palais Royale tonight from 8 p.m. until midnight. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Kellogg Institute, International Student Services and Activities, International Study Programs, La Alianza and WVPE 88.1 FM.

Leonorie Mukanza, a survivor of war torn Rwanda, will be speaking on Marian Apparitions and the Conflict in Rwanda on Sunday at 7 p.m. in 116 DeBartolo Hall. Mukanza has spoken with the visionaries, whose apparitions have the support of the local bishop. The talk is sponsored by Children of Mary.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Droopy-pants bill dropped

RICHMOND, Va. Virginia lawmakers dropped their droopy-pants bill Thursday after the whole thing became just too embarrassing.

The bill, which would have slapped a $50 fine on people who wear their pants so low that their underwear is visible in "a lewd or indecent manner," passed the state House on Tuesday but was killed by a Senate committee two days later in a unanimous vote.

Republican Sen. Kenneth Stolle, the committee chairman, called the bill "a distraction."

Cops pull over birthday party

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Police found more than they bargained for when they stopped a U-Haul truck with a burned-out tail light.

Instead of furniture in the back, police on Monday found a rolling keg party with about 20 people drinking whiskey and beer. Eleven people were charged with underage drinking.

"They all kind of froze and didn't know what to do, I guess," officer Robert Norment said.

The partygoers told police they rented the truck for someone's 21st birthday party because the bars were closed. The moving party was traveling streets without a particular destination.

The truck's driver first told police he was hauling a couch for a friend, according to police reports.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

TODAY

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SATURDAY

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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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Local Weather


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CORRECTIONS

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CLARKE KELLEY/The Observer

Graphic arts professor John Sherman presents an exhibit on the Stations of the Cross in the Malloy Hall chapel Thursday. Sherman and his daughter, Theresa Sherman, a senior theology major, designed the exhibit to demonstrate the historical and present significance of the Stations.
Cuno describes challenges, importance of art museums

Art Institute of Chicago president offers passionate views on the role of art in civic life, necessity of sharing international works

By EILEEN DUFFY

In his talk entitled "Why Art Museums are Essential," the Challenges and Opportunities of Owning an Art Museum," James Cuno, president of the Art Institute of Chicago, offered insights into the role art museums play in society and the importance of sharing art on an international level.

"I am going to talk seriously and passionately about a topic which means a great deal to me: the role of art museums in civic life," Cuno said at the beginning of the speech.

Cuno listed various expectations society has placed on art museums, believing museums should serve in many capacities including "shopping, dining, musical and educational."

Art museums are different things to different people," he said. "Often sitting unhappily in this mix are the works of art themselves.

For Cuno, art museums are public, social institutions. "Like a land trust, they set aside things of public value and seek to preserve them forever," Cuno said.

"Works of art are important for the understanding of humankind, for the understanding of its past, present, and future," he said. "Like a rich natural environment, art is good for us, too."

Cuno said an incredible burden lies on the art museum's staff.

"People who work at an art museum have the responsibility to choose things they think are worthy of spending the museum's current out-of-pocket money as well as spending the money to preserve the objects," he said.

Cuno then addressed an argument he very much disagrees with.

"Some say museums are 'identity-affirming institutions,'" Cuno said. "In fact, museums are 'identity-affirming institutions' wherever, if a patron does not 'see himself' in a work of art, he'll be intimidated," he said.

"Nothing in my experience suggests this is true," he added.

"Art museums have a role to play in less-privileged childhood in a military family," Cuno noted that in art museums, "nothing seemed inaccessible" to him. He remembered looking at and appreciating pictures of Catholic saints (though he wasn't Catholic), portraits of rich people (though he wasn't rich) and Chinese and African artifacts (though he wasn't Chinese or African).

"Nothing was beyond my reach," he said. "Rather, I was inspired by the visual appeal of the object to step outside myself and appreciate the object itself."

"Cuno, as a young child, looking at art was a way to connect with earlier humans. "They, too, cared about creating and protecting beautiful and fragile things," he said. "I was, in no small way, a part of something larger."

Thus, Cuno said, art museums mark the power to expand, rather than narrow our view of the world.

The visitor can focus on what unites the various cultures of the world rather than what divides them.

Cuno expressed his frustration with the growing trend for nations to ask for an end to the international trade of antiques, saying these goods should remain in their original countries. For example, both Italy and China have recently requested that archaeological and artistic goods spanning hundreds of years of their history be banned from entering the United States.

Cuno is a major believer in "artage," or the sharing of archaeological findings in order to promote international unity.

"The benefit of a museum's permanent collection is just that: it's permanent, available for visits throughout a lifetime. Some, people could go to China to see such objects, but for what percentage of U.S. citizens would that likely?" he asked.

"By preserving the world's common artistic findings and rejecting an idea offered during the question-and-answer session about a constantly touring international collection of pieces, "First, there is an inherent risk to the objects themselves — they could get lost, damaged or even destroyed," he said. "Second, over the course of a lifetime, many people could miss it — they might not be in the right place at the right time."

Cuno's idea of frequent access to works of art was a common thread throughout the lecture, and he touched on it again to reject the idea of a touring collection of priceless international works.

"We wouldn't be able to return to the pieces frequently," he said. "Art museums are a means by which to break down simplistic notions of other people. You can't come to that understanding all at once — you need frequent access."

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ANNOUNCEMENT

2005-2006 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The Center for Applied Mathematics (CAM) is pleased to announce the annual Graduate Student Fellowship competition for the 2005-2006 academic year. Each fellowship provides a nine-month stipend and some travel funds for professional travel to technical meetings. Recipients will be designated as Graduate Fellows of the Center for Applied Mathematics.

The Center's aim is to enhance interdisciplinary use and teaching of applied mathematics. Established in August of 1987, CAM fosters University-wide interaction and collaboration and provides support for students and faculty researchers applying mathematics in a variety of disciplines spanning engineering, physical and social sciences and business. CAM provides graduate student fellowships, as well as support for workshops, seminar series and faculty visitors in interdisciplinary research areas.

The Center strongly encourages graduate interdisciplinary research in applied mathematics, particularly in areas where mathematics is used to address application needs in engineering, science and business. The goal of these fellowships is to financially support a small number of highly qualified graduate students. Priority will be given to those applicants with demonstrated interdisciplinary interest in applied mathematics.

To apply for these fellowships for the academic year 2005-2006, a student must submit a proposal to the Center by February 25, 2005. The proposal must describe clearly and concisely in no more than 2 pages the student's research topic, its relevance to applied mathematics and its contribution to the present state-of-the-art in a particular discipline. The proposal should also contain the following:

1. A biographical sketch of the applicant and academic transcripts.
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member.
3. Any supporting documents such as additional letters of recommendation, graduate record examination, present and previous awards, etc. Current or former fellows may also apply for a fellowship. However, student fellowships for more than two years will not be provided. The fellowship is designated by a panel of faculty members at the Center. Final selection will be made by the Center's Executive Committee and will be announced in early April. The usual Graduate School rules regarding fellowships do apply.

Please submit proposals by Friday, February 25, 2005 to:

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Mud Toy - Live at Kim's Chevy Live at Kim's Chevy

Saturday, Feb. 12th

8 to 11

Must be 21+
Protest
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Kaitlyn Redfield said.

"V-day stands for Valentine's day, vagina and victory over violence, and it's always held around Valentine's Day. Over 40 countries and 700 college campuses participate," she said.

Participants wore black to signify the secrecy of sexual assault at Notre Dame, which keeps the victims and their perpetrators hidden among the masses, Redfield said.

Protesters gathered outside DeBartolo as classes emptied, then proceeded down South Quad to South Dining Hall, where they remained until the lunchtime crowds receded.

The purpose of the protest was twofold — to end the silence and raise awareness.

"The first step to ending the silence is awareness. Change will not come without knowledge," protest participant Gare Desmond said.

Redfield organized the protest out of deep concern for the many sexually assaulted women who tell no one or blame themselves. She said many are not educated enough on the issue to know assault is not their fault.

"There is not enough education on gender equality. It makes it easier to feel that rape is something acceptable," Redfield said. "People understand it's wrong, but the University is not doing its best to make sure it doesn't happen."

Law student Garrett Hohimer is helping with the production of the Vagina Monologues, another V-day event. He agreed something constructive must be done in addition to the efforts of the protests and play.

"The most effective way to prevent sexual assault is to have men talking to other men," he said. "Men can affect change in each other."

The protest, the first of its kind at Notre Dame, was an alternative to last year's demonstration around a giant "V" constructed on South Quad. After being told the "V" would not be allowed this year, organizers had to develop a new way to grab students' attention, Desmond said.

Fliers distributed to students declared that statistically, 250 women of this year's graduating class will have been affected by attempted or completed sexual assault. Redfield said the statistics were aimed at shocking students into awareness, and according to senior John Hughes, they did just that.

"I thought it was weird at first, but it definitely makes a statement," Hughes said. "I am shocked by the numbers, they are just so high."

Despite the movement's emphasis on women and the violence afflicted on them by males, many of Notre Dame's males have joined the V-Day efforts.

Sophomore George Dzuricsko participated in Thursday's protest. He said from his perspective, the statistics were only shocking because they seemed too low.

"On this campus, I think the statistics sound too generous toward guys, so many just go out and drink to hook up with a girl," he said.

According to Redfield and event organizers, there is a culture of silence at the University in its dealing with sexual assault. The protesters' aim was to expose its widespread prevalence on campus.

"By keeping the silence, we're supporting it. This protest is meant to voice the silence," Desmond said.

Though some students walked by casually, others were moved to tears.

Denise Massa, curator at the Arts Slide Library, applauded the protesters as she walked by them.

"God bless you all," Massa said as she hugged some of the participants.

"This just brings me to tears. Women and minorities need a voice on this campus and this is powerful," Massa said.

In her 14 years at Notre Dame, Massa said she has never been so deeply affected by a protest.

"This is the first year it has moved me as much as it has," she said.

Sophomore Yadira Huerta walked by protesters on her way out of DeBartolo, and found herself deeply moved by the taped mouths and solemn dress of the participants.

"I know there is a problem, and I think this school tried to hide it because of its reputation," she said. "But this protest is effective, it's got shock value."

As the protest ended, Redfield said she felt satisfied with the effort.

"I am very happy with how it went," she said. "We made people think."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Insurgent attack kills more than 50
BAGHDAD — A car bomb detonated by remote control exploded Thursday in Baghdad, killing two Iraqis but missing a U.S. military convoy as insurgent violence claimed more than 50 lives. Clashes between Iraqis were reported in and around the capital and elsewhere, leaving at least 180 people killed in suicide attacks at Shi'ite shrines.

The car bomb detonated on Tahrir Square in the heart of Baghdad, shattering the vehicle and setting several other cars on fire. At least two Iraqis were killed and two others were wounded, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. James Flaherty said.

Prince Charles to marry Bowles
LONDON — Thirty years after their first romance, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles, both now graying divorcees, will finally wed in a civil ceremony and put the official end to their long affair, Princess Diana blamed for the breakdown of her marriage to the man who would be king. In a nod to those who have not warmed to Parker Bowles, the royal family said Thursday that the couple would not hold the title of duke and duchess but eventually will be called HRH Princess Consort instead.

The first family of the United States will appear together since the announcement, Charles, 56, and Parker Bowles, 57, smiled broadly as they walked into a Windsor Castle reception Thursday night, and the guests applauded.

Flu vaccine still in short supply
WASHINGTON — It’s not too late to get a flu shot if you can find one, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

While some states still have shortages, others have surplus supplies and should reserve “common sense” in distributing the vaccine, with priority given to high-risk individuals, including elderly children, those with chronic health conditions and health care workers, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, who became head of the agency last month.

The flu season started early and local and state health officials during her appearance before the House Government Reform Committee.

Jury convicts New York lawyer
NEW YORK — A former civil rights leaders was convicted Thursday of crossing the line by smuggling messages of violence from one of her jailed clients—a radical Egyptian sheik— to his terrorist disciples on the inside.

The jury deliberated 13 days over the past month before convicting Lynne Stewart, 65, a feisty, left-wing activist known for representing radicals and revolutionaries in her 30 year on the New York legal scene.

Stewart slumped in her chair as the verdict was read, shaking her head and later wiping tears from her eyes.

She denied bias and blamed the conviction on evidence that included videotape of Osama bin Laden urging support for her client.

South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon, left, leaves for a begin talks that will focus on North Korea’s new nuclear weapons program.

North Korea: We have nukes
Country refuses to participate in disarmament talks; Bush faces challenge

Associated Press

SHUFL, South Korea — North Korea, its official announced Wednesday, will not attend a conference next week in New York that it has participated in every year since 1980. It is the lowest level of participation by any country to the talks that began after the 1995-96 crisis over North Korea’s nuclear weapons.

The move by North Korea may be a negotiating tactic aimed at getting more compensation from the United States for its nuclear weapons program.

The North’s move was described by experts as a “nuclear weapon, and it is known to have performed any nuclear tests, and it kicked out U.N. inspectors in 2002, so there is no way to verify its claims.

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Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said North Korea should return to negotiations.

"The world has given them a way out and we hope they will take that way out," she said, wrapping up a trip to Europe. "The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United States that the United States has no intention of attacking or invading North Korea."

"The message is clear: give up these aspirations for nuclear weapons and you know life can be different," Rice said, adding that it was the same message Libya said last month.

A clear response to North Korea to help foster the nuclear talks, Bush refrained from direct criticism of the country in last week’s State of the Union address. He mentioned the North only in a single sentence, saying Washington was "working closely with governments in Asia to convince North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions."

Bush previously branded the North part of an "axis of evil" along with Iran and Saddam Hussein’s Iraq. Still, Pyongyang on Thursday seized on comments by Rice last month in which she labeled North Korea as one of the "outposts of tyranny" in the world.

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WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a measure Thursday to help shield businesses from major class action lawsuits like the ones that have been brought against tobacco companies, as the Senate took the first legislative victory of his second term.

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Associated Press

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Unique exhibit shows Stations of the Cross
ND father, daughter collaborated on design

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

A unique father/daughter exhibit by graphic arts professor John Sherman and his daughter Theresa Sherman opened in the Malloy Hall chapel today. The pair created their artistic view of the Stations of the Cross.

"This collaboration that a father and daughter undertakes is the process of capturing the sacred in a devotional rather than gallery setting," professor John Sherman said.

John Sherman described his interpretation of the Stations of the Cross, highlighting the aspects that make it unique about the artists who are in each Station.

"The exhibit is a creative interpretation of the Way of the Cross set with the text of 23 languages and a minimum use of images," he said. "By using languages from all around the world, I hope to communicate that Christ came into this world to demonstrate a path to redemption by his ultimate sacrifice for all the peoples of the world. My intention in this work is to show the journey Christ made and the pain not only his journey, but my journey and the journey taken by everyone.)

In addition to English, John Sherman presented text in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Filipino, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Luganda (Uganda), Maltese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovene, Spanish, Swahili, Slovenian, Swedish and Vietnamese.

"In each composition, I tried to arrange the text in such a way to give a starting point for reflection," he said. "Some of the compositions have a simple image, but in each case I tried to convey meaning by way of typographic arrangement." This design was well received by the audience.

"I love that there are so few images, because it is the word that is of importance. This draws contemplatively in a way that a visual display could not," said Father Michael Joncas, a professor of liturgical studies.

Theresa Sherman, a senior theology major, spoke about the development and history of the Stations of the Cross, which she explored in her thesis paper. She described the standardization of the popular methods of practicing the Stations and focused on changing interpretations from their inception to the current day.

In discussing the origins of the Stations of the Cross, Theresa Sherman described how in the third century, Constantine constructed churches on important locations associated with Jesus' road to Calvary.

"Pilgrims visited these holy places in Jerusalem and mediated on the Paschal Mystery," she said. "Believers from all corners of the world would come to Jerusalem and walk through the churches, placing themselves where Christ actually stood." Theresa Sherman explained that even the inclusion of certain scenes of the Stations of the Cross has evolved. The Shermans' exhibit includes a station on Jesus' meeting with Pope John Paul II used in his 1991 Good Friday celebration. Their set of Stations, which will remain open throughout Lent, is inspired to reach out to marginalized Catholics.

"The Stations of the Cross are meant ultimately to send people back out into the world. The devotion of the Stations of the Cross Sherman described the multifaceted message of the paschal mystery," he said. "When Jesus bears the pains of society, our reaction should not be to inflict pain on ourselves, but to recognize the pain of others living among ourselves."

Theresa Sherman described the stations used in her thesis and the diversity issues outlined in the February Board of Trustees report and work to put into practice the solutions that are planned to be proposed in the upcoming administration's transition.

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"And we're looking forward to creating a wonderful evening and a romantic experience for you and your special guest this Valentine's day."

(Reserve information, call 574/284-4626 or visit www.saintmarys.edu/~events/Calendars

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Included in the final per centage calculations, Baron swept the freshman, junior and senior classes, but Leito edged him out in sophomore votes by a mere six votes.

The race in the dorms was just as tight, with a six-vote or fewer margin of victory in five of them. Baron and Shappell took 15 dorms — including their home bases of Morrissey and Badin — and the votes were left hanging, leaving 12 halls for Leito-Bongiovanni, with their own show of loyalty from Siegfried and Cavanaugh.

Though rendered speechless for a brief minute after the announcement, Baron rushed to attribute the victory to his tenacious campaigners after he regained his voice.

"I had a ton of great people with us who just gave 180 percent," he said. "It was a grassroots campaign all the way, and that's the only way we came out like this."

Leito, expressing a mix of sadness, disappointment and "happiness, believe it or not," nevertheless said he wouldn't have changed the ticket's campaigning tactics.

"The stuff we could have done differently, we wouldn't have done to win," he said.

Bongiovanni agreed, asserting her confidence in the campaign to lift their ticket from a recent run but declining to guess what swung the 235 votes in the other direction.

"I can't speak for the student body, because whatever the results, the student body already spoke tonight," she said.

After taking a moment to "let it sink in," as Shappell said, the president-elect and vice president-elect turned their vision to the future.
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The pair said they will draw up a calendar of what issues they plan to take on when and will post it in the office when they take over on April 1 in what they projected will be a seamless transition. Baron, currently the chief executive assistant for student body president Adam Istvan and vice president Karla Bell, said he would be a bridge between the two administrations.

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Ex-CFO testifies at fraud trial

Sullivan tells jurors that he warned WorldCom CEO about improper accounting

NEW YORK — The former finance chief of WorldCom testified Wednesday that he warned the company's CEO, Bernard Ebbers at a 2001 dinner meeting that accounting problems could be too costly. Ebbers asked for the meeting, the defense said, to discuss revenue growth.

"He said, 'I want the numbers for this quarter,'" Ebbers' lawyer, William Johnson, quoted Ebbers as saying. "I said, 'No, he did not,'" said Sullivan, answering. He said Ebbers responded by saying WorldCom had to get its revenue going again.

Sullivan, who is a WorldCom accountant, covered up more than $700 million in expenses for the first quarter of 2001, by classifying them as capital expenditures, treating regular operating expenses as long-term investments in the network, and to raise the value of the company's assets and the expenses in future quarters over time as the asset ages. The procedure was a shift from the previous two quarters, when the accountant had simply been hiding expenses by drawing on reserve accounts sometimes completely unrelated to the expenses.

Sullivan, who has pleaded guilty in the $11 billion WorldCom accounting fraud scandal, was testifying for a third day as the star government witness against Ebbers, who is accused of orchestrating the fraud.

When Sullivan eventually showed Ebbers a revised income statement for the first quarter of 2001, he said Ebbers asked "how we were doing it" and said: "We have to hit our numbers for this quarter."

The remarks have become a familiar refrain in the trial. Prosecutors say Ebbers was bent on making sure WorldCom's revenue and earnings figures met Wall Street estimates to keep its stock price high. Sullivan also said Ebbers personally ordered disapproving language removed from a February 2001 press release that announced WorldCom's fraudulent earnings figures for the fourth quarter of 2000.

An original draft of the release said WorldCom expected 2001 revenue growth of 12 percent to 15 percent, with first-quarter figures "at or below" that range. He said Ebbers ordered the "at or below" removed.

Ebbers, 63, is charged with fraud, conspiracy and making seven false filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission, charges that carry up to 85 years in prison. He has denied wrongdoing.

Sullivan's testimony Wednesday countered jurors through the first half of 2001, a time in which WorldCom revenues were slowing at an alarming rate and expenses were spiraling out of control. Sullivan also quoted Ebbers, who Sullivan said did not curse often, as using an expletive when he was presented with data showing 8 percent revenue growth for May 2001 — far below expectations.

Prosecutors played clips of several WorldCom quarterly conference calls, including one from April 2001 in which Ebbers, voicing off his script, tells stock analysts: "We do not see any storms on the horizon at this time."

They also played a voice mail that Sullivan left for Ebbers in June 2001, telling the chief executive that revenue figures look worse each month and that the most recent revenue report "already has accounting fluff in it."

Bernard Ebbers, former CEO of Worldcom exits Manhattan federal court. He is on trial for orchestrating a $11 billion scheme that bankrupted the company.
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cants for apartments in Opus Houses will be living there during the 2005-06 school year.

The hall, which opened to students last year after nearly two years of construction, is designed to house 24 students in double apartments and 48 students in single rooms. It was named for Notre Dame resident life, receives in its turn two or more new applications as spaces become available.

"We had about 20 [group applications] for four to 12 apartments, and 30 applications for two to 12 apartment," Russell said. "It might take longer to get as many applications and choose where the people will live, as we planned and expected it would go.

Interested students attended mandatory information meetings and filled out applications, making a housing deposit by the deadline and completing a separate application in May 2005 and not being under academic or disciplinary probation. Each application was numbered and randomly chosen from a drawing.

Russell said she feels this is the fairest way possible to assign the limited number of apartments.

"We're always going to evaluate this process and make it sure it is the most fair process for everyone," she said. "I think we have to go by the numbers to make sure that process should remain and stay in place. As long as the preference should be given to [anyone] so that we would give an equal opportunity to get an apartment.

The hall has become a popular option for students because of its on-campus location and various amenities, not available in the College's four regular dormitories. The apartments feature a separate room for each resident, a general living area and a kitchen. Included in each apartment is cable and Internet access, water, gas and electricity. Each of the floors also has a lounge with a refrigerator and big screen television for student use.

"We're really excited to have the opportunity to live on campus in these beautiful apartments," junior Jill Vlasek said.

Vlasek was informed Jan. 28 that she and roommate Katie Kelly had been lucky enough to get a double apartment for next year. She said she felt a little bit pressured by the scarcity of apartments available.

"I know there were a lot of applicants, but we had other options, so if we didn't get our apartment we would have had other places to live," Vlasek said. "I know that there were quite a few girls that were really upset, but they're looking into other options.

Junior Eric Jones said she was only a little disappointed that she and her chosen roommate did not get an apartment.

"Every single one of my friends besides my roommate and I got in. I think everybody wanted it, and I don't think anybody wanted to be the people that didn't get in," she said. "Everybody wanted, and even though we're friends they were still happy about it."

Jones said she was not devastated by the announcement because the lot of people are fair, and plans to live in the dorm the following year rather than seek an off-campus apartment.

"I still have the roommate that I wanted to live with in the apartment, but we won't be in this same building as the rest of our friends. But I think my friends who will end up living in our room will compensate for that," Jones said. She jokingly added, "I hope my friendships with my other friends will be able to sustain the football field member No. 1.

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Announcing the Year 2005 Annual Awards of
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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravanino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2005 annual competition of the Albert Ravanino Scholarship and Foreign Study in Italy. Gifts can be made in memory of those deceased, and the gifts need not be restricted to the Italian Studies Program.

The competition is open to all undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a program of foreign study in Italy to be completed by the beginning of their fourth year of study. Students must also be Italian language majors, at least two semesters of Italian language courses are sufficient, and must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The creative work will normally be in Italian, will involve the study of Italian language, literature, art, culture; and must relate to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University Chicago, Rome; Brandeis University, Rome; Columbia University, Rome; Georgetown University, Rome; Washington University in Saint Louis, Rome; Santa Clara University, Florence; Brown University, Florence; University of Minnesota, Florence; Universidad Complutense, Madrid.

Interested students are encouraged to consult the information on Italian Studies Scholarship in the 300-1848 Language Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) a brief description of how the travel research will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement including their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references.

Application Deadline: Monday, February 17, 2005
Albert Ravanino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies

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University of Notre Dame
Researchers rely on censorship
Modern scientists avoid controversy by steering clear of certain topics
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some scientists are thinking twice about doing or expecting on certain research, reacting to political and social controversy in addition to legal restrictions.

"It appears that controversy shapes what scientists choose to study and how they choose to study it, and we need to look at how this affects the efforts it might be having," said Joanne Kempner, a researcher at the University of Michigan.

Kempner and co-authors from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania conducted indepth interviews with 41 scientists engaged in a variety of fields. They found that half felt constrained by formal limits, but even more said they were affected by informal or unspoken rules on what and how studies can be done. Their findings are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Science, in a paper entitled "Forbidden Knowledge.

Formal limits include such things as the ban on federal funding for most research on embryonic stem cells and restrictions on research involving human embryos.

In many cases, too, scientific journals have their own rules, such as not publishing material they think might be detrimental to national security.

But there also are fears about the impact on peer-reviewed groups, such as opponents of animal testing, or about how a project might be perceived by the public.

While formal and informal restrictions on research are not unusual, Deborah G. Johnson of the University of Virginia said they are not necessarily all bad.

"On the one hand, you want a profession to have norms and have some standards and some self-regulation. On the other hand, you don't want there to be an environment of fear of repercussions if they do something which they think is legitimate," said Johnson, who has studied similar issues but was not part of Kempner's group.

One researcher, commenting on avoiding controversial work, told Kempner's team: "I would like to be nontechnical in my life as much as possible."

Another researcher decided not to do a study involving offering food vouchers to drug addicts that were called "That was something that they (the people who would do the study) thought they couldn't do. Kempner said in a telephone interview. "One researcher said, 'Can you imagine that as a headline on the front page of the newspaper, that we're paying cocaine addicts to stay clean?'

Kempner said, "A lot of editors and scientists that we spoke to were risk-averse in terms of taking controversy.

But, she added, "There were plenty of people who said controversy is a good thing, because it opens up topics to public debate."

"Sometimes animal rights groups were a concern for many, who worried about organizations that would use the money to set animals loose and destroy research," Kempner recalled one of her interviews. "All of a sudden he said, 'How do I know you're not from an animal rights organization collecting information to storm the place?'"

Sometimes commercial interests can get in the way of research, Kempner added, saying there are cases when the commercialized industry will ask a researcher not to publish a particular finding.

Another example was a researcher who wanted to study what kind of environments can lead to sexual harassment. "She couldn't find a company that would let her ask those kinds of questions to employees," Kempner said.

They didn't want anything that might give one of their workers the idea to sue.

She also cited the case of an alcohol researcher who felt some studies could not be done in this country, for example, a trial on whether alcoholics could be taught to drink in moderation.

"Those kinds of studies, according to this researcher, couldn't be done in the United States because we live in a culture that believes addicts must quit cold turkey," and the work might undermine that position, she said.

"There are cases of self-censorship, Kempner said. "Sometimes researchers depend on particular groups to give them access to data ... and very often they form attachments and really like what the money is being used for, to set animals loose and destroy research.

Kempner's research was funded by the Greenwall Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

FRANCE

General asks for more NATO trainers in Iraq
Associated Press

NICE — U.S. allies in Europe have so far mustered fewer than 100 trainers to go to Iraq to assist in the modest NATO mission there, but a top American general said Thursday he was hopeful they would offer several dozen more in the coming weeks.

"We've asked for more than what has been provided so far," said Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who oversees the effort to train and equip Iraq's security and military forces.

Petraeus joined U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Nice for a meeting of NATO defense ministers.

The NATO mission in Iraq, while small, aims to develop Iraq's military on a strategic level, rather than train individual soldiers. This includes efforts to set up military staff and officer colleges. Bush administration officials have also advocated the NATO mission as a way of pushing NATO to transform into a more deployable, internationally involved alliance.

Other NATO allies have declined Washington's appeal to send trainers to Iraq but have offered equipment, money and training to set up military installations inside Iraqi borders.

The Spanish defense minister said Spain would train soldiers in landmine removal techniques, and the French minister renewed an offer for French gendarmes to set up a training center for Iraqi paramilitary forces in Qatar. France opposed the Iraq war, and Spanish voters have elected a new government whose members also opposed it. Germany, another opponent, already conducts training for Iraqi security personnel in the United Arab Emirates.

Petraeus said about between 90 to 100 trainers are in Iraq now. A substantial number are Americans working under the NATO banner, but precise figures were unavailable. He said the goal is to get to 155 trainers from NATO nations.

Recent statements from NATO officials put the number of trainers at 300, but Petraeus said he could not speak to that figure.

Also at Nice, NATO defense ministers were close to agreeing on plans for expanding their peacekeeping operation in Afghanistan.

The ministers are expected Thursday to approve plans to send peacekeepers to western Afghanistan along the Iranian border, with Italy, Spain and Lithuania ending months of delay by offering troops to support U.S. forces under NATO command.

On the longer term, ministers may also discuss a possible NATO role monitoring an eventual peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians.

NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer this week said the alliance would respond if asked for help from the two sides in the Middle East conflict.

Germany meanwhile offered to increase its commitment in Afghanistan. Defense Minister Peter Struck told reporters Wednesday night that German troops could take a lead role in northern Afghanistan, relieving British forces who are expected to expand NATO's mission into a southern sector around Kandahar later this year.

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Sign-up and interviews will be in 305 Main Building.
For months, an expert on the Social Security Trust Fund has told anyone who would listen that Medicare costs are more of a "national crisis" than the president's claim of Social Security. This expert begins with Ronald Reagan, the last president to keep Social Security solvent by raising taxes. Reagan sought enough excessive taxation to create a budget surplus that in the future (now) would save Medicare costs. Reagan had no eye on his personal legacy, but he did what was best for the nation at the time.

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The Lord of the Rings, "The O.C.," Japanese anime, video games and hundreds of other nuggets of pop culture. Each writer has a unique way to work with his or her own unique vision. What you will not find, unless you dig very deep, is anything based on the works of Disney. Anne Rice and any of the entities that police their copyrights with rigor. Fanfiction exists on the periphery of the world of organized religion or ignorance of others — the smallest whiff of a cease-and-desist letter and it disappears. In this regard, fanfiction is very fragile. It is not surprising that the Disneys of the world are not pleased with fanfiction. Some of the portrayals of their creations are fringe, violent, erotic, out-of-character or otherwise unacceptable to clean-nosed family-owned companies, or even conservative sentiments. Not all are like this, but some writers are not renowned for their patience, and they target the innocent with the glibness.

But despite these unsavory aspects, or perhaps because of them, fanfiction plays an important role in our culture, because it is perhaps the last battle of a war fought long over the soul of copyright. We are living in a privileged age: some of the great masterworks of the early 20th century entered into public domain before the copyright expansion movement took root. "The Wizard of Oz," for example, has spawned dozens of books, many movies — including one masterpiece — and a very successful Broadway musical. Had the copyright persisted for another hundred years, perhaps a movie would have been created — much like "The Lord of the Rings" today — but the vast majority of that culture would have been lost, because many of the stories that are vital to what was a central part of life and culture would have been long dead.

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`Score' entertains at the PAC

Actor Tom Nelis portrays Leonard Bernstein with an open and engaging manner at the Leighton Concert Hall.

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Score Writer

As audience members enter the theater for "Score," they see actor Tom Nelis slumped over a podium. The set around him consists of music stands, stage lights, a bottle of scotch, a mirror suspended behind him and an abstract, brass-like object lying on the ground.

A sound cue—a repetitive tone pulsed through the speakers—brings Nelis' body to life. But it doesn't come gracefully. Nelis coughs and gasps harshly, his spine contorting as he rises upwards.

"Where am I?" he mutters. "Who are you?" he asks upon seeing the audience.

The man asking these questions, however, is no longer Tom Nelis. The actor has become the alluring conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein, one of the most dominant figures of classical music in the twentieth century. This is no longer a play—it's a seminar, with the topic of the creative process and how Bernstein gains inspiration with regards to both conducting and composing.

The house lights are drawn up in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and Bernstein asks the audience, who intriguingly become his students, "What is music?"

"Art," responds a woman in the front row.

"I can't argue with that," replies the teacher. He scans the room for further opinion on the composition of music.

"Sound," answers a man a few rows back. Again, Bernstein agrees. From these modest beginnings, Bernstein takes the audience through the entire spectrums of his life—his relationship with his father, his life-changing debut with the New York Philharmonic— all in the name of discovering where his creativity lies.

Throughout the majority of "Score," Bernstein displays his emotions at their most extreme. In explaining why artists must have a sense of humor, he moans the audience. Only a few moments later, he becomes very calm when explaining the importance of patience, a quality taught to him by composer Aaron Copland. Even when subdued, Bernstein maintains very little restraint, grabbing a smoke whenever it seems convenient, claiming, "I know it's bad for me, but I like it too much!"

He even shows signs of giddiness when first reaching for the scotch.

"This room," he continues, "is closed off. I'm conducting." Nelis said. "This means that he's not always aware of what he's doing.

Tom Nelis stars in "Score" an as famous composer Leonard Bernstein. Bernstein is best known for his long run conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Interaction with the audience is also critical to Nelis' performance. A wonderful moment of the show occurred when a few students arrived at the show late, and Nelis called out to them. "Good evening! Leonard Bernstein. We're gonna talk about art." At one point Bernstein even asked the audience if they minded if he smoked. As several audience members replied "yes," Nelis gave them a wry look and asked, "Is my wife out there?"

The script for "Score" is completely adapted from both writings and interviews with Bernstein. "It's all 100 percent Bernstein," Nelis said. "It was arranged by Jocelyn Clark, an Irish playwright. Bogart gave him 300 pages of manuscript and he whittled it down to 30.

Nelis resounded the comments that many performers have said regarding the Leighton Concert Hall. "It's a magnificent space," he said. "Bernstein says in the play, 'It's an inspiration to be here with you in this room, and it really is an inspiration.'"

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Ebersol brothers present film

"Ithuteng" documents the story of people involved in a school confronting the current issues of South Africa

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

When given a break from school most students choose to sleep or play video games. Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol decided to go to South Africa to edit and produce a film about a political issue of that area. The film, called "Ithuteng," which means "never stop learning," focuses on the lives of three South African students that attend a school founded by a woman called Mama Jackie in 1957.

In what was called "a post-apartheid miracle," with Nelson Mandela's aid, the eccentric Mama Jackie began the Ithuteng Trust in Soweto, South Africa. According to Ebersol, the school was developed in the wake of "an unparalleled rise in crime, drug trafficking, and rape among the country's youth.

Mama Jackie has utilized "shockingly unique educational processes and the opportunity for a better life to motivate 2,500 15- to 27-year-old rape victims, drug addicts and criminals," according to the "Ithuteng" press release. The film is based on three first-person narrated stories told by the three main characters of the film.

Fourteen-year-old Dineo is an orphaned rape victim that is new to Mama Jackie's school. The second subject is a 22-year-old man named Leso. He was one of Mama Jackie's original six students and is a rape victim infected with "HIV/AIDS." Victor, a 26-year-old reformed criminal is the third interview. He helps Mama Jackie run the school with his "infectious charisma."

Testimonials from these three men "Ithuteng" follows the students on a tumultuous journey from the school to Johannesburg's maximum-security prison, "Sun City," to a wilderness camp in Kwazulu-Natal. Ebersol said.

First-time director and 16-year-old Charlie Ebersol directed "Ithuteng." Older brother Charlie Ebersol served as producer and editor, and friend Kip Kroger helped with various aspects of the film. Charlie Ebersol explains that beyond the documentary format, the film also features a "unique format for dramatizations, in which the student, whose story is being told, directs a reenactment of the trauma from his or her own life."

Charlie Ebersol, who finished classes at Notre Dame in December, was a large part of student government during his time at Notre Dame. He ran for student body president twice, losing by narrow margins in 2003 and 2004. As manager of the Student Union Board for the 2003-04 term, Ebersol was an influential voice in the new and current student government structure. The Ebersol family has recently been in the media spotlight after a tragic plane crash in which Ebersol's younger brother Teddy died. Charlie Ebersol is credited with pulling his NHT's sports executive father Dick Ebersol from the plane wreckage and thus saving his life. The screening will take place in the Browning Family Cinema in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday 4 p.m. The 75-minute film is open to the Notre Dame community and will be complemented by comments by Charlie Ebersol. With a unique vision into the situation of South Africa, "Ithuteng" is directed by Ebersol, "a story of hope, love and redemption through the power of education and one woman's vision," Ebersol said.

Tickets are free for the Notre Dame community and can be picked up at the DeBartolo Box Office.

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Heavenly Ham lives up to the name

By MEGAN MCFADDEN and JESSICA STOLLER
Sports Writers

On many of our frequent safaris through the outskirts of Notre Dame, we encounter a curious restaurant called Heavenly Ham. Last Wednesday, after Megan forgot to eat lunch once again, we hopped into the buggy to scour for food. Then we came upon Heavenly Ham. Megan cried: "This is a blessing from above! We must partake in this feast of ham-laden delight!"

Well, maybe she really didn’t say that, but Megan does have a thing for ham, always has. Heavenly Ham is a quaint restaurant located on fifteen next to a frozen lake. It is a great place for a midday lunch delight or secret rendezvous with that special someone.

The atmosphere of the place was slightly confusing. I guess you could call it General Store meets fast-food chain. The décor included plenty of red plaid, homemade jams, pickle relish, handmade wooden displays of preserved items and very few tables. A giant Coke dispenser and several large posters encouraging pork product consumption interrupted this "farmy" jungle.

The hammy sound of silence at Heavenly Ham was only very pleasing. The consistent, 80s-like ring tone broke the daun­ging conversation and the superficial sighs. I guess what we’re trying to say is Heavenly Ham is a great place.

So maybe the title of our article, I bet you’re wondering how they serve it at Heavenly Ham. First things first, the staff. Heavenly Ham’s servers are quite familiar with serving in a historic dining space. Many fast-food chains, there really isn’t much service involved in the dining experience. At Heavenly Ham, each server crafts each sandwich with an epicurean delight, wraps it in deference to the guest. Thus, there really isn’t much to it (but don’t tell the cashier that). Service was prompt considering only one server was on duty. Reasoning to fill your own glass with Coke products, the service was friendly and pretty speedy. Wednesday was a 3.9 service score, a pretty good score for Heavenly Ham.

Now to our well, mostly Jessica’s, favorite part — the food. Of course, Heavenly Ham is named for its ham. But that said, if you ordered a chicken sandwich salad on a raisaissant and chicken noodle soup, the croissant was very fresh and flaky, sort of like her last boyfriend, and the chicken salad did not disappoint. The soup was tongue-flaming hot, but it was scrumptious.

The only thing that was rather disappointing was the high prices. A mere box lunch without a drink could cost up to $8 — oh joy! Finances-ever-vascular Jessica decided on half a turkey bistro sandwich with cup of the same chicken noodle soup. Jessica would like to report on the taste of her sandwich, but, sadly, her taste buds were worn down the count due to the chicken noodle soup. She did, however, remark it had good texture and was very pleasing to the eye. Conservatives might really like how home-cooked the food was, we give the food an 11/2 5-spork.

Upon leaving Heavenly Ham, the owner locked the door. This could mean one of two things. Either we were such a menace to the ham community for ordering chicken that they never wanted us back again, or they close at 3 p.m. If they close at 3 p.m., that’s really sad. They even turned down a sweet old lady with a genuine hammering as we were leaving. Based on our taste buds, Heavenly Ham is worthy of about 3 and one-third sporks out of five. So if burgers and bagels don’t fit your fancy, don’t fret, because Heavenly Ham is just a hop, skip and a jump away from campus.

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San Diego considers franchise tagging the Pro Bowl quarterback

Associated Press

Drew Brees came to Hawaii for the Pro Bowl, but he'll report to San Diego after college all-star out of Purdue, looking to impress NFL teams at the Hula Bowl.

Brees is back on the islands, preparing to pick the NFL and preparing for his first appearance in the Pro Bowl. After being franchise tagged, Brees signed a long-term contract from the San Diego Chargers.

Last year than a year after San Diego all but gave up on by signing Philip Rivers on draft day, Brees is still banking in the glow of his superb season and the Chargers' run to the AFC West title.

His performance at the end of his four-year contract earned him a spot alongside Peyton Manning, Tony Romo and Tom Brady as one of the NFL's most attractive free agents, but Brees would rather continue with the club that didn't seem eager to stick with him.

"I have no plans to stay in San Diego, absolutely," he said. "I want a long-term deal, because I feel like the guy. I'm the guy that needs to be there and lead us for a championship, so that's the way I feel about it."

"The ball is in their court, obviously, and we'll just see what happens."

Brees' life has changed dramatically in the past four years since he represented Purdue in the Hula Bowl.

"I got married, had good seasons and bad seasons, battled for my starting job on two occasions, been bench a few times, and that's life. I guess it's been a learning experience, but it has molded me into the person and player that I am now."

Brees was voted the NFL's comeback player of the year after throwing for 3,159 yards, 27 touchdowns and just seven interceptions in the regular season. In the playoffs, he passed for 319 yards and two TDs in the Chargers' 27-10 overtime loss to the New York Jets.

"We didn't accomplish our goals, but I think we kind of paved the way for the future," he said. "We have a lot of pride and a lot of happiness about it. We just have to keep improving." Teammate LaDainian Tomlinson, making his second Pro Bowlsouthern California quarterback and Petie Daish's third Pro Bowlsouthern California quarterback, said this year contract offer worth around $5 million. If Brees signs, he could trade for him or compete for the starting job for Rivers, who was obtained in a draft day trade with the New York Giants. Rivers' team held for half of training camp, allowing him to keep the starting job and Brees used the challenge to motivate himself to his best professional season. And just as he did four years ago at the Hula Bowl, when many questioned his future as a 6-foot NFL quarterback, Brees is proving he's one of the best.

Vick fired up going into Pro Bowl, out to prove himself

Associated Press

Michael Vick and Donovan McNabb batted in front of their lockers at Aloha Stadium on Thursday, goofing on any NFC teammate crossing their paths and making plans for a night out on Waikiki Beach.

Since the Pro Bowl week isn't exactly the toughest stretch of the NFL season, but Vick is tak- ing it seriously enough that his fellow all-stars and the Atlanta coaching staff have teased him about it.

In between spending time with his family and his closest friends around from the league, Vick also is hoping to make an impression on anybody who still doesn't know what the Falcons star can do.

"Definitely, I'm focused on this game a whole lot," Vick said. "I've been thinking about it since our season ended in Atlanta. That's the first chance I'm going to have to line up against the best, so if you can't end the season with a championship, this is one of the ways to do it."

Vick has become one of the NFL's most popular, versatile and electrifying players in his four seasons, but he hasn't made a Pro Bowl this year.

He was selected for the NFC squad after his breakout season two years ago, joining Dan Marino, Brett Favre, Kurt Warner, Daunte Culpepper and Tom Brady as the only second-year quarterbacks to earn a spot in the game in their first full year as starters. But Vick skipped the Pro Bowl to get a bunion removed from his right foot.

He figured he would have plenty of chances to get to Hawaii if he kept playing well — but then he broke his leg in the 2003 preseason, and the resulting decision by coach Dan Reeves to keep Vick off the playing field as his starting quarterback.

"It wasn't thinking about the Pro Bowl at the end of last year," Vick said. "That was the thing tying me on my mind.

Everything changed this season when Vick got back on his pro- venance and started to play in the league, appliances and other equipment in their division and bad seasons, improvements and his strong arm were a big reason for the Falcons' improvement. Vick isn't allowing and no defend- ers try to deliver career-ending hits. Knapp has installed a varia- tion of the Falcons' offense for the NFC squad, and Vick knows it as well as anyone.

"He's going to have all eyes on him when he goes in there," McNabb said. "Nobody knows what he can do in a real game. Now we'll get to see what he does when nobody can see you. It could be scary."

With McNabb and Culpepper having seniority on Vick, the team plays extensively in the second half of the Pro Bowl, which the man in- charge of the game and7 and 14 touchdowns this season, and he rushed for 902 yards and three more scores. His passing numbers weren't spectacular in his first season in the West Coast offense, but his uncanny running ability and his strong arm were more than enough to earn the respect of the players and fans who voted for him.
PGA Tour

Lefty fires a 62 at Spyglass

Mickelson considers his driving distance as reason for success

Associated Press

Phil Mickelson keeps hitting it long and going low. Fresh off a career-low 60 last week in Phoenix, he fired the first 18 holes of the 2012 U.S. Open championship in 32, the toughest 36-hole mark ever. The score came in the opening 30 holes, with a 62 at Spyglass Hill — the second lowest 36-hole total in U.S. Open history. Mickelson finished tied for third at 5 under par. He was two strokes behind leader Adam Scott of Australia.

Phil Mickelson

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NHL

Two sides fail to reach agreement

Salvaging the rest of the season does not appear promising

Associated Press

The NHL and the players' association broke off talks Thursday in the clock-ticked down to a weekend deadline for saving what little is left of the season.

"It was a pointless meeting," NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said after the four-hour session.

"We're not going to pick up the phone this weekend," union senior director Ted Saskin said. "We're done." It was the second straight day of meetings in Toronto aimed at ending the lockout, but the first full session since commissioner Gary Bettman told the union Wednesday that a deal would need to be reached by the weekend to save the season.

If the deadline was set to pressure the players' association to give in to the league's salary-cap demand, it hasn't worked so far.

"We're not deadline hunting in any way," Saskin said.

Daly said the union brought nothing new to Thursday's meeting.

"Quite frankly, I don't know why they asked us to stay overnight," Daly said. "I don't know what their agenda was. I just know there was no progress."

During the meeting at the league's office in Canada, the sides spent 2 1/2 hours huddling separately.

No new meetings were scheduled, and Daly and Bettman indicated they'd return to New York to prepare for a normal work day Friday.

That won't be easy because every indication is that it will be the last business day before the NHL becomes the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

"Since no material progress has been made, and we're working on days of having to cancel the season, you're hit with the realization of what you have to do," Daly said.

He gave no encouragement that the delay could be ended in time.

"I don't know I'd say I'm surprised," he said. "I'm disappointed. I hoped that at the end of the day that reason would prevail, that we'd be able to find common ground, and that we'd reach an agreement. That hasn't happened."

The lockout has cost 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games through Thursday, with no indication of when a well-publicized, scheduled All-Star game. If the season is canceled, there is no telling when there will be NHL hockey again.

The sides have assisted the number of games lost by as much as last week in Newark, N.J., but neither felt that was the deal a deal would be worked out.

"This isn't a negotiation that failed due to a lack of understanding," Daly said. "This is a negotiation that has failed for other reasons. I don't think a mediator would help this process.

On Wednesday, the NHL presented the players with a new deal made by using the players' association's proposal as a starting point.

The plan included a luxury-tax system and a 24 percent salary rollback on player salaries.

But if any one of four financial triggers of the league were exceeded, then the NHL's salary-cap offer from last week would go into effect the following season. Teams would then be forced to spend at least $32 million on player costs but no more than $42 million, including benefits.

Players' association executive director Donald Fehr has said that at least one of the four limits would immediately be exceeded if this deal was put in place, and others could be easily reached during Thursday's meeting.

The NHL association's offer was steadfastly refused to accept a salary cap as a solution to the stalemate.

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Francis drops 28 in Magic win over Atlanta

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The pressure has eased somewhat on Orlando Magic coach Johnnie Wright, although there were a few tense moments as his team flirted away a 20-point lead.

Steve Francis scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, including a game-deciding 17-footer with 17 seconds to play, to help the Magic defeat the Atlanta Hawks 101-96.

"A win against any team in this league is a good thing so yes, I’m feeling better," said Davis, who has taken criticism from general manager John Weisbrod for his team’s recent slump. "We’re still basically a new team and still going through growing pains, but you can’t stop. You’ve got to keep working at it and we are."

Boca Raton, who also had nine assists and seven rebounds, hit his key shot after Atlanta cut its deficit to 97-94 with 28 seconds left on a 3-pointer by Antoine Walker.

It was only the second win in the last six games for Orlando, which has sputtered to a 13-17 record after a surprising 13-6 start to the season.

The Magic got 24 points from reserve Hedo Turkoglu and 15 points and 20 rebounds from rookie Dwight Howard, who became the first rookie since Tim Duncan in 1997-98 to record two 20-rebound games in a season.

"That’s just a scratch of what he could do for us night in and night out," Francis said. "He was a monster down there.

Atlanta was forced to play without injured starters Tyronn Lue, Al Harrington and Josh Smith, but the Hawks got 25 points from backup point guard Theo Delk and 25 from Walker. Atlanta also got 19 points and 10 rebounds from rookie Josh Childress.

"Our guys are playing hard," Atlanta coach Mike Woodson said. "With only 10 wins, we could easily throw in the towel, but we’re not doing that. We played well enough to win this game, we just didn’t get any breaks."

Turkoglu, the only Magic reserve to score, had 13 of 15 points in a 3-3 run that gave Orlando a 56-38 lead with 2:04 left in the first half. Orlando pushed the advantage to 74-54 on two free throws by Howard with 5:51 left in the third quarter, then tried to coast.

They barely made it as Delk put on a show in the fourth quarter with 12 points.

"It’s hard when you’re up in a game for a long time like that," Francis said. "It’s hard to con-sistently stay focused for that period of time. I’m definitely happy with the result, but we improvised in some areas."

In a rematch of the NBA Finals, the result was the same — a thorough thrashing of the Los Angeles Lakers by the Detroit Pistons.

Rashheed Wallace had 23 points and a season-high 13 rebounds and Tayshaun Prince scored 25 points as Detroit got off to a strong start and routed the Lakers in their first meeting since last June.

The Pistons looked a lot like the team that disposed of Los Angeles in five games while winning by an average margin of 13 points, while the Lakers bear almost no resemblance to their predecessors from last season.

The Pistons moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the Central Division standings with their sixth win in seven games. They led by 14 points less than 5 minutes into a game that was never in doubt.

Los Angeles is 1-4 under interim coach Frank Hamblen, who replaced Rudy Tomjanovich when he suddenly resigned, and is 6-8 since Kobe Bryant went down with a sprained ankle. Lamar Odom led the Lakers with 17 points and 10 rebounds, Richard Hamilton scored 11 and the Pistons had a season-high 30 assists.

Not only are the Pistons clearly a better team than the Lakers, they were also much more rested. Detroit had a game for just the second time in eight days while the Lakers played their fourth in five nights.

Detroit jumped out to an 18-2 lead as the Lakers had more turnovers (20) than field goals (33) and led 30-12 after the first quarter, outrebounding them 22-11.

Guard’s sister tells news Thursday on TNT’s NBA telecast

Associated Press

Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers will retire at the end of this season, his sister, Cheryl, reported Thursday night on TNT, "Over the last couple of weeks there has been a lot of speculation on whether or not this will be Reggie Miller’s last season," Miller said. "It was Reggie’s birthday.

"Wednesday I spoke to Reggie, and after 18 seasons with the Indiana Pacers, this will definitely be his last season."

Cheryl Miller

TNT broadcaster

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Giambi apologizes for BALCO incident

Associated Press

Jason Giambi is sorry.

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Sorry.

So sorry, that he'd already apologized five times in five minutes to TV reporters before somebody had the good sense to ask him exactly what he was apologizing for.

"I'm sorry," Giambi began, "that I can't get into bigger specifics for you guys and hopefully, someday I will. Because of the legal issues that are going on, you know, it would be a lot easier. But I hope everybody understands this is the position I'm in.

"I'm trying to do the best I can and say I'm sorry. That's the best I can do and," he added, probably sensing that he was close to a personal best,

"I apologize for that.

"Rarely has so much contrition yielded so little information and even less responsibility. But that's the sorry state Major League Baseball finds itself in a week before pitchers and catchers report. Nobody still knows nothing. Everybody is still sorry. You'd hear the same story eavesdropping at Tony Soprano's 'Bada-Bing' club any afternoon.

So go ahead, throw all those spring-training previews back in a drawer. The real suspense this season won't be whether the Red Sox or Yankees added enough pricey new pieces to win the World Series. It will be whether anybody inside baseball can muster the courage to answer the question that is shredding the game's credibility. And the only place people are even working on it is the federal prosecutor's office in San Francisco. That office is just down the road from the now-infamous BALCO Lab, where a raid by investigators in September 2003 lifted the lid on the worst-kept secret in baseball. It's even closer to the grand jury room that Giambi strode into one morning last winter and unbundled himself of most of what he knew about steroids. There were plenty of sordid details, according to testimony leaked to newspapers, but who knows? A few minutes into it, somebody asked whether Giambi, like former Oakland A's teammate Mark McGwire, would claim to have been truthful when discussing his steroid use in the past.

"I can't get into specifics," he said for the umpteenth time.

IN BRIEF

Schilling donates bloody socks to Hall of Fame

Curt Schilling donated the bloody sock he wore during Game 2 of the World Series to the Hall of Fame on Thursday. The sock is part of a Red Sox exhibition celebrating the team's four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schilling's sock joins other Red Sox memorabilia including Derek Lowe's jersey from Game 4, the hat used by Series MVP Manny Ramirez when he tied a postseason record with a 17-game hitting streak and the spikes Keith Foulke wore when he recorded the final out of the Series.

The exhibit runs through the 2005 baseball season.

Schilling had surgery Nov. 9 to repair a ruptured tendon sheath on his right ankle. The injury appeared to end his season in the middle of Boston's World Series run, but team doctors, in an unprecedented procedure, made a wall of stitches in Schilling's ankle to keep the tendon in place.

Jackson faces resistance to real estate acquisition

Reggie Jackson is frustrated that his offer to buy the Oakland Athletics was not accepted even though the group was willing to pay $25 million more than Los Angeles real estate developer Lewis Wolff for the franchise.

"He'd like nothing better than to fulfill his dream, which is to be an owner of the A's. He's a devoted A's fan and a national baseball icon," Jackson's attorney, Ed Blum, said Thursday. "He's always felt close to this team and probably always will."

As co-owner Steve Schott said that the offer from Jackson's group came after he and partner Ken Hofmann already had an agreement to sell the team to Wolff, the team's vice president for venue development.

"Reggie told me he'd buy the team for $25 million more. But I don't go chasing the last dollar," Schott said. "I have an obligation to the contract."

"There will be no hurdles to the transfer," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Pacers donate fine money to local charities

The Indiana Pacers are donating $2.4 million to 11 local charities, money that mostly comes from fines levied against five players for their roles in the Nov. 19 brawl with Detroit Pistons fans.

The Pacers asked the NBA to give the money to charities in Indianapolis, and Pacers CEO Walsh said the request was granted.

"The incident in Auburn Hills was a low point for the owners, this franchise and the players, and we came out of it determined to make something positive happen for this team and this community," Walsh said Thursday. "We think this does that."

The NBA fined Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, Jermaine O'Neal, Anthony Johnson and Reggie Miller for their roles in the Nov. 19 brawl. The Pacers also contributed an unspecified amount to charitable donation.

around the dial

NBA

Denver at Cleveland, 8 p.m., ESPN

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MLB

New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, right, gestures as he talks to the media on Thursday. Giambi expressed his sorrow regarding his steroid use but failed to give details.

Trackwire Top 25

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ND TENNIS

Irish set for weekend matches

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In any tennis match, serves are broken. In the scheme of things, it's how a player bounces back from being broken that matters. Despite dropping two matches to powerhouse Texas and Duke last weekend, the Irish are taking the setback in stride. After six straight wins to open the season, two losses can show what a team is made of—and if it's set for the long run.

"It's good," coach Bobby Bayliss said of team morale. "The teams we lost to—Texas will be possibly a top-15 team this year... when it all shakes down, and Duke is a Top 10 team.

The Irish swept their early schedule with wins over Toledo, Illinois State, Indiana, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Florida State. At the time, UNC was ranked No. 10, and Bayliss expects the Seminoles to finish in the Top 20. This weekend, the Irish will take on Marquette and the University of Indianapolis.

The team worked on conditioning and competitive sets this week in order to bounce back from last weekend. "We've really intensified practice because we have just this one day of matches on Sunday and then we don't play again until next Friday," Bayliss said.

A deep lineup has allowed Bayliss some flexibility in both singles and doubles this season. The No. 1 spot has been in some contention, as both sophomore Stephen Bass and senior captain Trent D'Amico have seen time in the top position.

"The biggest thing is at the end of the fall, Stephen Bass had earned the right to play No. 1," Bayliss said, citing the sopho­more—standout's national ranking and outstanding fall record. "It's a tough load for some­body to go up and face the guys he's had to face up there... I have a lot of confidence in Stephen and I believe he can become a prime-time college tennis player.

D'Amico also played well in the top position, Bayliss said. He's held up and hopefully Stephen will get on track this week," he said.

No. 112 Barry King registered the lone Irish point against Duke in the third spot, defeating No. 110 Stephen Amrhalaj. Shaeua Paribus rounds out the top four for the men, as Irackiya Akhvlediani, Ryan Kekcley, Patrick Burhanan and Eric Langenkamp have rotated through No. 5 and No. 6.

Akhvlediani is back from an ankle sprain, and Bayliss expects him to play in this weekend's lineup.

The doubles have shown success this season, with D'Amico and Kekcley combining at No. 1 and Bass and King at No. 3. Paribus and Langenkamp have seen the most success at No. 2, posting a 9-2 season record (6-2 in dual matches).

"Doubles has begun to solidify," Bayliss said. "I think we can continue to improve there, I hope it to be a strong as the year goes on.

Fans can expect two exciting matchups this weekend at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, as play against Marquette is slated for 1 p.m. Sunday and Indianapolis will take the courts against the Irish at 3:30 p.m.

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Louderback calm in facing Harvard

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

There's just something about Boston. Boston teams have been raking up the hardware this season, from Boston College's come-from-behind 24-23 win over Notre Dame during football season to the Red Sox's World Series win.

But as of late, Notre Dame has been working to reverse that trend, beginning with the bask­etball team's upset of No. 4 Boston College Tuesday night.

Now, the No. 21 women's tennis team is looking to pull off a Boston upset of its own, taking on No. 17 Harvard Friday at 12:30 p.m. and Boston College on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Judging by the team's impressive 5-2 victory over Wake Forest, walking away with an upset this weekend seems all the more possible.

Coach Jay Louderback said although Harvard looks to provide plenty of challenges this weekend, he has faith in the team's character. "My hope is that we compete like we have been," Louderback said. "If we do, we'll be in the match all the way.

To give us competitive spirit is responsible for the team's success against Wake Forest," Louderback said. The Irish jumped to an early lead, sweeping doubles in the Jan. 26 match. At No. 3, senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stasney jumpedstarted the Irish effort, walking off the court with an 8-1 win over Blakely Oftutt and Abisha Talib.

Freshman Brock Buck and junior Lauren Connelly were next off the courts, clinching the doubles point with a victory over Karis Martzloff and Danielle Schwartz 8-1 at No. 2.

Adding to the team's moment­um, sophomore twins Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated No. 33 Karin Coetzee and Ashlee Davis 8-3 at No. 1. The nationally ranked No. 1 doubles pair remains unbeaten this spring and are 12-2 this year.

In singles, No. 85 Buck capitalized on the team's momentum following her upset of Coetzee 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Stasney clinched the win for the Irish at No. 5, with a victory over Jenna Lee 6-3, 6-1. At No. 3, singles, Christian Thompson followed Stasney's win, claiming a victory over Markowski 6-2, 6-2.

Harvard (11-1) has been just as much of a winning team as the Irish this season. Last Saturday, the Crimson upset No. 16 Texas A&M in a 4-3 decision at the ITA National Intercollegiate Championships. The team swept the three doubles matches and claimed wins at Nos. 2, 5, and 6 singles. Louderback said the Crimson bounced back after losing two strong matches at No. 1 and No. 2.

"We've been excited to play Harvard because we know they're a very athletic team," Louderback said. "It's good for us to be in a tough situation on the road against a good team.

Although last year the Irish defeated Boston College 6-1, the Eagles bounced back in a tough competition from the Eagles this year. "It will be a tough match—especially playing on the road," Louderback said. "They're a dangerous team at home."

Boston College (1-2) recently recorded its first victory of the spring Sunday, defeating Columbia 4-3. Although they lost the doubles point, the Eagles bounced back and garnered wins at Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6 singles. Boston College, like Harvard, looks to present the greatest challenges for Notre Dame at the top of the lineup.

But Louderback is confident in the team's abilities and potential.

"Our kids have very good doubles instincts and do a great job competing in singles when the matches get tough," Louderback said. "But I don't think they can only get better with more matches.

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Irish begin spring in Big East force after strong 2004 season

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN

With no still on the ground in South Bend, the Irish go south this weekend to kick off the season against the warm weather of Florida.

Notre Dame begins the year this morning when the GRI Classic begins in Gainesville, Fla. The Irish have two games scheduled for today at 1:10 a.m. matchup with No. 19 Florida (7-0) and a 4 p.m. game against No. 6 Boston College.

This year's Notre Dame squad comes off a successful season in which it finished 49-19, including an 18-2 Big East record that secured its second straight Big East title. The Irish graduated just one player at the end of last season, first-team All-Big East outfielder Nicole deFour. This year's team is the preseason Big East conference regular-season champion, receiving all nine possible first-place votes from the conference head coaches.

The Irish are experienced and talented this spring. Notre Dame is led by third team All-Big East catcher Sandra Goll, who has a career average of .367 and has been named to the USA Softball Player of the Year watch list in her fourth year at Notre Dame.

Goll will lead an Irish team that is hungry to build upon last year's second-place finishing in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish are just one game at the NCAA Regionals, going home early.

"This team has seen it all," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf told und.com. "They have experienced success and failure—the good and the bad. There is a sense around this team that they are prepared for anything and are focused taking the next step."

The season will see some position changes with newcomer Katie Laing playing shortstop. Senior pitcher Brown will move to second base as a result, and Stephanie Brown will play in the outfield. Brown had an outstanding freshman year for the Irish, hitting .301 with seven home runs and 30 RBI.

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Meanwhile, the Irish also have some outstanding pitching returns this year. Heather Booth, first team All-Big East, leads the way as last year's leader and has added with a 1.45 ERA. Steffany Stenglein will fill the No. 2 role and is a very capable pitcher. They are joined by Cassie Wisen and Kenya Kessler.

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Fencing

Sorberai leads ND into Duke Duals

By ERIC RETTER

As their season draws closer to the end, the Irish are look­ing to finish strong in the Duke Duals this weekend in Durham, N.C.

The Irish, who are No. 2 in the women's polls and No. 4 in the men's, will compete in an event that will run all day today and Saturday. This event, which is the last match of the regular season for the team, features no teams from the Midwest conference.

Therefore, postseason impli­cations will not be as crucial as they have been in the past.

The team will be led by a host of talented fencers, most notably senior men's epeeist and three-time All-American Michal Sobieraj, who has com­plied a 35-2 record this sea­son. As of now, his 965 wins percentage for the season should shatter the standing men's epee record of 938. Further, he ranks eighth in all­time wins by a men's fencer and is just two wins shy of matching the men's epee record for wins in a single sea­son.

He has the opportunity to eclipse that mark, as North Carolina, Air Force, Johns Hopkins and Stanford are all holding the line in their conferences. The Devils competition, unlike last weekend, when many backups saw a majority of the action at the Ohio State Duals, the Irish will use most of their top fencers at Duke, both in an effort to tune them up in the final event of the sea­son as well as compete against quality opponents. Stanford and Air Force are No. 9 and No. 10, respectively, according to the Jan. 20 national men's ratings. Further, both Duke and North Carolina received top 10 votes in the men's and women's polls.

However, the Irish will be missing two key members for the duration of the weekend. Senior women's epee captain Kerry Walton and sophomore epee standout Amy Orlando will not be at the event, as they will be attending international tournaments that could assist them in qualifying for the World Championships.

Nevertheless, the Irish hope to do just fine without them this weekend.

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SMC Basketball

Belles push for MIAA's

By KEN FOWLER

Win with a win this weekend as home against Alma, the Belles can come toe-to-toe in the MIAA and hold out hope for the fourth seed in the upcoming league tournament.

With a loss, Saint Mary's will fall to next-to-last in the con­ference standings. The Belles, who are 6-9-4-9 against Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams, and three-time All-American Kyle Boyce, who scored nine points in Alma's last contest, a 67-58 win over the Belles in their last game.

A key for the Belles will be to avoid missing two key members for the duration of the weekend. Saint Mary's women's head coach, 第一 Team all-conference newcomer Katie Laing playing shortstop. Senior catcher Sara Brown will move to second base as a result, and Stephanie Brown will play in the outfield. Brown had an outstanding freshman year for the Irish, hitting .301 with seven home runs and 30 RBI.

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Weis flew to South Bend on Thursday, four days after calling the plays for the New England Patriots, who went on to win their third championship in four years.

Weis smacked in some talk about his romance with Glueck during the football program. "It's an old, old, old, old girl," he said.

"We're hardly for now and hopefully have a little bit more and understand each other's backgrounds and all costs, but my passion is to," Weis said.

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Speak at the fourth annual Notre Dame baseball Opening Night Dinner. He was joined by seven-time Cy Young Award-winner and teammate, Roger Clemens and Notre Dame head football coach, Charlie Weis.

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play as well as in the third period," Lidge said. "It was our first night game's, we played really well, and tonight we just have a great chance at one and it doesn't go in, so they come right back down and score."

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er and know they need to get on that guy a little bit on the one that just needs a pat on the butt. That's very special." A personal example from his coaching was Joe Torre walking up to Roger Clemens before Game 7 of the 2001 World Series. As Clemens was mentally preparing himself for the game, Torre walked over and told Clemens, "Hey big man, I need you tonight, I love you in a big way." Clemens responded, "I hear you loud and clear Skip." It's when knowing and how to press the buttons that Clemens appreciates.

"Three things that coaches know and when the right time to send a message," he said. "It goes long way. I thank you guys as coaches and all the time you put in." A first-round pick of the Houston Astros in the 1998 draft, Lidge talked about the adversity he has experienced throughout his collegiate and professional careers. At Notre Dame, Lidge went from the bottom of the depth chart after the fall season of his freshman year to Big East Pitcher of the Year as a junior. At one point during just last year, a few words from Irish coach Paul Mainieri told Lidge all that hard work he put in through his three years wearing an Irish uniform had paid off.

"It was pretty simple, he said, "Brad, you've arrived." Lidge said. "It really meant a lot to me. I had a lot of people talk to me about the potential I had while going through the University of Notre Dame, and I never really thought I would even do that potential." When he said that, I actually felt that I had achieved that poten­

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with effort and intensity," McGraw said. "I think we learned earlier in the year we can beat them on any given night. You've got to be ready to bring your 'A' game."

The Hoyas (9-12, 4-6) aren't the strongest team in the Big East, with 30-point losses to the likes of Boston College and Rutgers, but Providence was worse, and the Irish struggled with them Wednesday night.

"You cannot look past teams just because of their record," McGraw said. "If we learned that lesson [Wednesday night] it will serve us very well for the rest of the year."

Georgetown is led by senior Varda Tamosiulionis, who averages 11.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. Her 6-foot-4 frame is the anchor of the Hoyas zone defense. She averages over two blocks per game.

"We need to try to contain [Tamosiulionis]," McGraw said. "She's been playing well." Joining the senior leadership have been two newcomers. freshman Kierah Marlow is averaging 6.3 points per game. Heidloff, who is averaging 6.3 points per game. Heidloff faced earlier this season.

The Hoyas have had Rebekkah Brunson, who was selected 10th in last year's WNBA draft. The Hoyas also have a new coach, Torii Williams-Flournoy. McGraw remembers the past games, and is concerned about the Hoyas, who have won three straight.

"They have some pretty good 3-point shooters," she said. "It's going to be hard for us to play a lot of zone. They beat us out there last year, but we tried everything-man, zone, and nothing really worked well." Notre Dame will be led by All-American Jacqueline Batteast (17.9 points, 6.5 rebounds per game) and point guard Megan Duffy (11.3 points per game, 134 total assists).

Courtney LaVere will see her second straight start after returning from December knee surgery.

"I thought she played really well at [Pittsburgh]," McGraw said.

And despite Georgetown's sub-.300 record, Notre Dame now knows not to take anyone lightly.

"They're on a roll," McGraw said. "They have a lot of energy right now because they've won three in a row. It's a big game for us."

Tipoff is 2 p.m. Saturday at the Joyce Center.

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16 Leave a dispute unsettled
17 And I'll skip the boring part
18 Look before Neth.
19 Notable relatives: Abb.
22 Where operators stand by: Neth.
21 Amer. money
24 Simple problem
26 Inclined
30 Recommendations
34 Bach's "Joy of music": Abb.
37 Bornean treedweller
62 Swell place?
63 Sperer of John
67 "Guys and Dolls" song
68, 69, e.g.
72 Shootout

DOWN
1 Mount__ peak
2 90 miles SSE of Fairbanks
3 Gogging (old slang)
4 F.B.I. chief after Sessions
5 With 48-Across, deepest longings
6 One may go after the morning
7 Advance
8 Also say
9 Team
10 Crowned heads of old
11 Stores
12 Bygone digitality
13 Asian tongue
14 Some student's goal: Abb.
15 Ranch unit
16 Prepared porpoise, e.g.
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35 Kaffiyeh-clad commander
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**Horoscope**

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Laura Dern, 36; Cliff Barton, 43; Georges Steymers, 41; Roberta Flack, 66.

Happy Birthday: Change is heading your way, but it doesn't have to be negative. In many ways it will be the change you have been waiting for but couldn't muster up enough courage to make happen in the past. This is a year of revelation, re-evaluation and moving with the good from your past so that you can incorporate it into a brighter future. Your numbers are 6, 15, 21, 33, 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everyone will be up front with you about money, investments or legal matters. You have to make your own assumptions today. Lying on someone else will be futile and result in friction and costly mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need a change of scene. Join a group that will take you to the next level. You will be in your own lane when you are contributing something worthwhile. Someone new will impose you on many different kinds of people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to your game plan and don't let emotional matters slow you down. If you play your cards and know what you want, you will get your way. Changes may alarm you, but you can make them work to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some very subtle changes today that will result in clearing up financial or legal matters hanging over your head. Confront a situation at home that has been bothering you.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have to make a decision that will affect your living arrangements or financial situation. Do whatever you need to protect what you have. Honor a business deal with a little Lamé finesse will work.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Work is where it's at. If you have a job, strive to advance; if you don't, set up interviews or apply for positions. A hoot or personal networking that can chart your future is necessary.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will have some interesting creative ideas that can lead to a money-making deal. Changes regarding your work will be to your benefit. Don't look back, do your own thing and you will succeed.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be tempted to believe someone who is very sexy. Focus on more than financial deals or work. This is a day for action, not words. You will be better off if you don't discuss serious matters.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find yourself in a difficult situation for which you have not been prepared. Something may have to be done about something. You may have to make a promise in order to learn the pecking. Make sure you are on the right track at all times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can move mountains today if you pay your mind to it. Your ideas are solid, and your ability to take risks of your dreams and turn them into reality will be most rewarding. Changes will be beneficial.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have reached a very bright horizon but what is most important is that you follow your heart and your dreams. Follow the path that you know will bring you the greatest satisfaction.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be emotionally unpredictable. Don't let your own unpredictability lead to an irreversible mistake. Take some time before you start another. You have to be honest about what you want in order to get ahead.***

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No. 18 Pittsburgh presents another challenge for the Irish

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

At the beginning of this stretch of four consecutive games against ranked teams, the Irish (14-4, 6-4 Big East) talked about not getting too low or too high after a tough loss or statement win. So far, they’ve lived up to their word.

Saturday’s game at No. 18 Pittsburgh (16-4, 6-3) provides them another chance. After the win over previously undefeated Boston College Tuesday night at the Joyce Center, Irish coach Mike Brey hit the nail on the head with his post-game assessment of the Notre Dame locker room. Brey told reporters the team probably wasn’t giddy. The players weren’t giddy. Yes, they were enjoying the win, but...

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HOCKEY

Irish looking to make late surge

Six conference games remain for ND to move up in standings

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The motto of the Irish right now might as well be “better late than never.”

With just six CCHA games remaining in the regular season, the Irish (14-13-6, 10-11-6) have a chance to move up a few spots in the conference standings going into the playoffs. Notre Dame will begin that task this weekend as it takes on Ferris State (9-17-4, 4-14-4) in a two-game homestand at the Joyce Center.

The Irish currently sit in 12th place in the CCHA standings with 11 points. But they are only one point behind Ferris State and two points behind Western Michigan. And with every conference win worth two points, Notre Dame still has enough time left to make a move to close out the season.

“We need a win for our confidence, we need a win for our psyche and we need a win to move up in the standings,” Irish coach Dave Poulin said. “We can make our own noise and our movement here — we don’t need help from anyone else, we’ve got to do it ourselves from where we’re sitting right now.”

In their games last weekend against fourth-place Nebraska-Omaha, the Irish played neck-and-neck with the talented Mavericks for five of the first six periods. Notre Dame tied Nebraska-Omaha 1-1 on Friday and had a 2-2 tie going into the third period of Saturday’s game before falling apart in the final frame and losing by a final score of 6-3.

The Irish allowed the Mavericks to score four goals, the first time this season Notre Dame has allowed more than three goals in a period. The breakdown was indicative of a season-long trend, in which the Irish have been outshot 39-13 in the third period.

“I wish I knew why we don’t...

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BASEBALL

Clemens headlines annual banquet

Traditional Opening Night Dinner starts off team’s season

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

That’s not a bad way to launch the 2005 Irish baseball season. Seven-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens was the highlight speaker Thursday night at the Opening Night Dinner at the Joyce Center. Along with one of the game’s all-time greatest pitchers, former Notre Dame pitcher and current Houston Astros closer Brad Lidge and current Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens, middle, spoke at the Opening Night Dinner held at the Joyce Center Thursday night.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

When he left school after the 1998 fall semester, Brad Lidge expected to return to Notre Dame much sooner than Thursday. But between then and now, his life changed in a couple ways.

“I’ve wanted to get back to Notre Dame quite a bit,” Lidge said Thursday before flying into South Bend. “But for one reason or another I’ve kind of been bogged down by baseball, and my wife and I just had a baby this winter too. So there have been a few things that have prevented me from coming back.”

Things like pitching in Major League Baseball. Things like becoming one of the dominant closers in the National League last season. Things like leading the Houston Astros into the National League Championship Series.

All these “things” have kept Lidge busy during the past six-plus years. But Thursday, the 1998 Big East Pitcher of the Year returned to South Bend to see ND SOFTBALL GrU Classic page 20

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